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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S TRIP: PRESS CARRIES US COMMENT ON MUZOREWA'S
ATTACK

REF: STATE 96879

1. ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL APRIL 23 CARRIES TEXT OF EMBASSY'S PRESS
RELEASE ON MUZOREWA'S STATEMENT, UNDER HEADLINE "US RAPS
BISHOP." ARTICLE ALSO INCLUDES STATEMENT THAT "US EMBASSY SPOKESMAN
SAID EARLIER THIS WEEK THAT WHEN BISHOP MUZOREWA ARRIVED IN LUSAKA
HE ASKED AMBASSADOR WILKOWSKI IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO MEET
DR. KISSINGER IN WASHINGTON WHEN HE TRAVELS TO AMERICA NEXT MONTH."

2. MANNER IN WHICH MAIL PRESENTS THIS POINT IS DISTORTED.
WHILE MUZOREWA DID IN FACT TELL AMBASSADOR HE COULD NOT MEET
SECRETARY IN LUSAKA BECAUSE HE WOULD BE ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA,
HE DID VOLUNTEER STATEMENT THAT AS HE WOULD BE IN U.S. ATTENDING
METHODIST BISHOP'S CONFERENCE IN EARLY MAY HE COULD MEET
SECRETARY IN WASHINGTON. THIS STATEMENT BY MUZOREWA WAS REGARDED
AS PRIVILEGED AND WAS NEVER RELEASED PUBLICLY TO LOCAL PRESS
BY EMBASSY SPOKESMAN. HOWEVER, WHEN LOCAL PRESS SAID MUZOREWA
INTENDED TO "SNUB KISSINGER", EMBASSY SPOKESMAN DID TELL REPORTER
OF OFFENDING LOCAL PAPER, FOR BACKGROUND ONLY, THAT THIS WAS NOT
TRUE, MUZOREWA HAD OFFERED TO SEE SECRETARY IN U.S. LATER

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WHEN MUZOREWA WAS ORDERED BY MAJORITY OF HIS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

TO RECANT WHAT HE TOLD US PRIVATELY AND ISSUE OFFENDING PRESS STATEMENTS SAYING INDEED HE WOULD SNUB SECRETARY, THIS WAS TOO MUCH FOR EDITOR OF DAILY MAIL WHO HAS BEEN CARRYING ON HIS OWN PERSONAL VENDETTA AGAINST MUZOREWA. TRYING BUT FAILING TO GET AMBASSADOR TO SAY PUBLICLY THAT MUZOREWA WAS "A LIAR", MAIL EDOTOR THEN PUT EMBASSY'S BACKGROUND STATEMENT TO ONE OF HIS REPORTERS IN BOLD FACE ON TODAY'S FRONT PAGE TO MAKE SAME POINT AGAINST MUZOREWA.

3. IN SAME ISSUE DAILY MAIL EDOTOR MIJONI ALSO TOOK AN OBVIOUS SWIPE AT MUZOREWA IN LEAD EDITORIAL (COMPLETE TEXT SEPTTEL) QTE: ATTEMPTS TO AVOID THIS MAN (SECRETARY KISSINGER) IS A FOOLISH ACT WHICH ROBS ANY ORGANIZATION THE CHANCE TO INFLUENCE THE ONLY MAN IN AMERICA TODAY WHO CAN INFLUENCE FOR THE BETTER THE WAR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA TO GO THE WAY AFRICA WANTS IT TO GO....UNQTE. WILKOWSKI

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